

We claim:

1 1. An inorganic intercalating nano-catalyst for the copolymerization of carbon
2 dioxide and epoxide to form poly(alkylene carbonate) prepared by intercalating zinc
3 dicarboxylate into matrix with layered structure .

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5 2. The inorganic intercalating nano-catalyst of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of
6 said zinc dicarboxylate to said inorganic matrix is from 1/1 to 1/20.

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8 3. The inorganic intercalating nano-catalyst of claim 1 wherein said intercalating
9 agent zinc dicarboxylates are selected from the group consisting of zinc succinate, zinc
10 glutarate, zinc adipate, zinc pimelate and zinc suberate, and the mixture thereof.

1 4. The catalyst of claim 1 wherein said inorganic matrices are selected from the
2 group of inorganic mineral particles with layered structure consisting of montmorillonite,
3 mica, vermiculite and kaoline.

4 5. A process for preparation of a inorganic intercalating nano-catalyst for the
5 copolymerization of carbon dioxide and epoxides to form poly(alkylene carbonate)s
6 comprising:

7 delaminating the layered matrix with diluted acid, then calcining at 600-1000
8 °C in a muffle furnace for 2~10 h prior to intercalation;

9 dissolving zinc dicarboxylate in strong polar solvent under pH value from 1.0
10 to 4.0, then introducing calcinated acidic matrix into the reaction system to perform
intercalation 30~120 minutes at the temperature from room temperature to 80 °C; and

 removing the solvent and improving the crystal of the intercalating nano-
catalyst by refluxing in less polar solvent.

1 6. The process of claim 5 wherein said strong polar solvents are selected from the
2 group consisting of methanol, glycol, ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, ethylene glycol

3 monomethyl ether, N, N'- dimethyl formamide, sulfolane, imidazole, quinoline, water
4 and N-cyclohexyl pyrrolidine; and adjusting pH value from 1.0 to 4.0 with diluted acid.

1 7. The process of claim 5 wherein said less polar solvents are selected from the
2 group consisting of benzene, toluene and xylene.